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THIRD PARTY AVAILABLE TO PROMISE SYSTEM**

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 through §1.99 and pursuant to applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, applicant respectfully brings the following documents, cited in an European Office Action and listed on the attached form PTO-1449, to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application. A copy of the listed documents is provided herewith for the convenience of the Examiner.

This citation does not constitute an admission that the references are relevant or material to the claims. They are only cited as constituting related art of which the applicant is aware.

I hereby certify that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication received from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

It is respectfully requested that the listed references be considered by the Examiner and formally made of record in this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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